

COMEDY AHEAD

The Garden Suburb Theatre has an autumn of comedy ahead.

Their October production will be a new departure for the group as the cast will be made up entirely of junior members aged between 12 and 18.

"Play On!" by Rick Abbott follows the antics of an amateur theatre group desperately trying to put on a "whodunnit?" amid maddening interference from its authoress. Act I is a rehearsal of the dreadful show, Act II the near disastrous dress rehearsal and Act III the actual performance, in which almost everything goes wrong.

Admittedly some adults are being permitted in backstage roles but, even there, junior members are going to be heavily involved.

The director is teacher David Rance, who has directed several

successful productions at University College School.

In December John Woolf directs one of Alan Ayckbourn's earliest West End successes, "How The Other Half Loves".

The play has a complicated setting - two overlapping sitting-rooms where two families interweave their lives with the help of another couple who are mutual acquaintances.

In typical Ayckbourn style, "How The Other Half Loves" deals with the frissons of middle-class married life but, unlike his later plays, there are no real losers and the cries for help are very muted.

"Play On!" is on 29th, 30th & 31st October and "How The Other Half Loves" on 10th, 11th & 12th December - see 'What's On'. Box Office 081-455 6669.

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Pavilion Centre

The Pavilion Children's Centre has just had a face-lift using some of the money raised from their successful Summer Fete held in May. They raised £4,000, of which £1,250 was donated to the Royal Free Hospital to buy a pulsoximeter, a vital piece of equipment for the children's ward.

"The Playgroup has been extensively refurbished," says Alison Rebuck, Chairperson, "thanks to the help of the committee who have spent time and effort cleaning walls, toys and equipment. With part of the money raised from the fete we have also been able to lay a new hygienic cushioned floor for the safety and benefit of the children and to give the Playgroup a bright new look."

A new dynamic playleader called Cherry has joined the

group. She will help the children and their mothers/carers in stimulating creative play, art, craft and music four days a week with the continued support of Kathy, who will run her session every Thursday.

The centre is also launching a new children's video hiring scheme with a large selection of suitable video tapes available to hire for a whole week at a cost of only £2.00.

The Pavilion Children's Centre caters for the 0 to 3-year-olds, and is open Monday to Friday with two sessions: 9.30-10.45am and 11.00am-12.15pm and costs £1.50 per child and 50p per sibling.

For further information, please contact: Alison Rebuck 081 458 9192, Nikki Rosenfield 081 455 6870.

SUBURB ARTIST



A truly Suburb occasion of culture and conversation enlivened by a glass of wine was an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Chris Gregory at his home in Erskine Hill. His work hung on every wall and demonstrate a versatility of talent in prints, drawings and oils. RW



Lucy Roberts wore a globe for the fancy dress.

WORDSEARCH WINNER

Congratulations to Jonathan Lis of Northway who won the Summer Wordsearch competition on Old Masters. Jonathan is a keen artist himself and enjoys art classes and visiting galleries with his family. Jonathan is 'suburb' born and bred. He is in his first term at St Anthony's school in Hampstead where he loves all subjects. He enjoys sports especially football, cricket, swimming, tennis and bowling. He listens to a variety of music and loves to play the piano. Another interest is drama which was stimulated in the main by work at his previous school Brooklands.

Jonathan has only one collection and that is of postcards of the work of various artists. Jonathan loves to travel and spent some of his holidays this year touring on the east coast of the USA. He's also visited Africa. His favourite holiday to date has been to Pompei



following a project at school. If an opportunity arises, in the future his goal is to travel to the moon! Although he has a long way to go, Jonathan would like to be a writer when he grows up. With his £10 Book Token, he plans to buy adventure books to add to his growing library.

HGS Playgroup Summer Fete

Hampstead Garden Suburb Playgroup's Summer Fete, held on Saturday 20th June at the Free Church Hall, Northway, was once again a great success.

Support from parents, former parents, present and former members of staff, local residents and a favourable weather forecast ensured a good attendance.

But, as should be the case with the Suburb's longest running playgroup (established over 45 years ago), it was the children who stole the show. Local estate agents Hotblack, Dixon & Co. generously sponsored (and judged!) a Fancy Dress Competition, providing bikes for the two category winners. Suburb parents demonstrated their imagination and industry by producing original costume for their children ranging from mermaids to monsters, and washing machines to houses! Winner of the under-fives category was Ella Rothero, and the over-fives, Lucy Roberts.

Entertainment for the children included face-painting, finger-printing with the local police, balloons distributed by Mickey

Mouse, a bouncing castle and puppet show performed by Playgroup parent, Lorna Cordrey. Buffet lunches and afternoon teas which would have had Egon Ronay reaching for the stars were expertly co-ordinated by Adrienne Glendinning.

Hampstead Garden Suburb Playgroup helps to provide for the suburb's three-to-five year-olds, and it was gratifying to see such community involvement and support in return. Much-needed equipment will be purchased with the proceeds from the Fete.

HGS Playgroup, which is non-profit-making, meets Monday-Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm at the Free Church Hall, Northway, NW11. For further information please ring 081 455 2394.



CALLING ALL BUDDING POETS

The Chairman of the RA will personally donate a £10 Book Token to the person who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, submits the best final three lines to the following:

*"I'm a picker-up of litter -
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I'm a litter-picker-up,
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C I P N B M U H T G M W Y R V N
D S F O E S A Q A I D O B M A C
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If you are under fifteen on 5th December 1992, you may list the answers on a postcard with your name, age, address and telephone number and post to: 35 Wildwood Road. The first correct entry drawn on the closing date, 5th December 1992 will receive a £10 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer. Happy Hunting! EGW

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